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Dear Members of the FOIA Council,

I am a resident of Virginia living in Williamsburg and am writing to express my support for HB2196 as currently drafted. Public access to police disciplinary records is critical to police accountability and building public trust. I also believe it's important to have access to records of both substantiated and unsubstantiated allegations.

This is the kind of basic openness needed in the criminal justice system in our state that goes along with having civilian oversight boards to monitor the impact of policing and supporting equity for all citizens.

Please support this important reform.

Thank you for your consideration,

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